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## Stop The Brutalitarian States

By the Editor

**W**E are living in a world in which powerful totalitarian states under the absolute rule of madmen, are bent on subjugating the world by force.

Were Fascism a system under which a nation voluntarily submits itself to an autocratic ruler, and under him would live peaceably with its neighbors, we might agree it is a domestic problem and none of our business.

But Fascism is no such thing. It is a radical attempt to revert to the barbarism of the Dark Ages. It is the exploitation of human beings on a national scale. Under it the state is everything, the individual nothing. He has no rights. He is denied freedom of worship, of speech, of assembly. In the Fascist state every man, woman and child is welded into a unified, smooth-running, invincible machine, with no more conscience than an earthquake or flood.

And the Fascist states are on the march for world domination. Behold the rape of China! Of Ethiopia! Where are the once proud democracies of Europe? Save Britain and France, all gone. The latest act in the brutal drama is Hitler's dismemberment and complete subjugation of Czechoslovakia by which he has outraged the conscience of the world. Even Mr. Hoover admits, "Fascism is already a raging power, which no longer holds to its original boundaries but has spread to fourteen European nations with 240,000,000 people."

All this is but the beginning. Once the totalitarian states succeed in subjugating the remaining democracies of the east, the western democracies will come next.

In the face of this colossal barbarism what should the United States do?

Isolation is impossible. The only way for her to avoid international complica-

tions is to get off the earth. It is perilous. Who believes there is safety for America by crawling into her dugout while civilization is crashing throughout the world?

Neutrality in the presence of the international crimes perpetrated today, treating alike brutal aggressors and their victims, is utterly unworthy of our great nation. One thing certainly will result from it—**America will lose her soul.**

The only right and worthy policy for her is to throw the full weight of her influence and power, in concert with that of the other liberty-loving nations, against the onslaught of the brutalitarian states.

Not in isolation, not in neutrality, but in active and positive cooperation with other peace-loving nations lies our safety against war, so far as there is any safety. The dictators are far more likely to pull in their horns if they know for certainty that the most powerful nation in the world is lined up solidly against them.

There is much short of war the United States can do to halt the aggressors. President Roosevelt has vigorously protested against their brutality and is putting teeth into his protests. He should have one hundred percent support from Congress and the American people. Why not go farther and break off diplomatic and economic relations with the aggressors, treating them as outlaw nations, in the hope this might bring the madmen to their senses?

In any case let the United States take a strong stand for human decency as against the aggressors. And let every liberty-loving citizen support the President and Congress in maintaining this stand. Doing this we will be worthy of our fathers and can invoke the protection and blessing of the God of nations.



# The Basic Facts of Today and What They Indicate

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Social, political and religious leaders, need to get down to the bed-rock spiritual facts of this age as never before. Dealing with exasperating out-croppings of anti-Christian ideologies is easy but futile. To be leaders worthy of the name, men and women must know these basic facts before they can chart a reasonable course.

Six of these basic facts are becoming evident to any thoughtful mind fairly acquainted with current facts and forces.

1. Three philosophies have grown up in Christendom since the Reformation, or let us say in the last 200 years. They are the Christian view of Society organized under the authority of Christ; the communistic totalitarian State, or the supreme authority of the organized proletariat, and the Fascist, or Nazi totalitarian philosophy which is the supreme authority of the strong, exercised by dictators.

2. The second and third of these have this in common. They are secular, that is they organize society apart from God and assume supreme authority. They are simply different outgrowths of the same root.

3. This fundamental principle, antagonistic to Christianity, has been growing since the Reformation, but its chief growth has been since the French Revolution; and its phenomenal growth has come in the last twenty years.

4. Both are now undertaking seriously, to exterminate both Christianity and Hebrewism.

5. In Italy and Germany, especially in the former, there has been a recrudescence of the Roman Imperialism of the second and third centuries. This is the boast of Mussolini, "Restore the glory that was Rome."

6. Against this, Christianity is presenting a policy of church building by education, evangelism, missions to all non-Christian peoples and of pacificism in more or less developed form. The formula of the latter is, "War is always and everywhere sinful". It is merely mass murder, hence Christians must abhor it and refuse to take part in it.

Under this policy during the last 100 years there has been a tremendous numerical growth of Christian believers. But the church is being steadily driven out of its normal relations and becoming again the

church of the wilderness and there looms the threatened destruction of our partially Christianized society.

## Outcome of Struggle

The natural outcome of such a struggle, will be the steady attrition of the church in numbers, influence and geographical extent. Unless God intervenes in His providential control, the destruction of Christian society seems inevitable.

The most probable outcome of the working of these facts and forces is another world war, in which the four great dictatorships, Germany, Italy, Russia and Japan, with their conquered territories will be lined up against the more Christian nations, the British Empire, the United States, Holland, the Scandinavian countries and Switzerland, with the Latin world divided and the Mohammedan world as a sort of counter-balance. What our country would do in such an event, it is impossible to predict. A study of recent history and present conditions does not yield a very positive result. We have become pretty thoroughly impregnated with secularism, so that the only difference between us and Germany is one of development. Recent history records that we wrecked the only really world endeavor toward world security under a regime of law. Though many will indignantly deny it, the wreck of the League of Nations is chargeable to Senator Lodge and his crew of wreckers in the Senate, and history will hold them responsible for the tragedies of Armenia, Ethiopia, Spain, China and modern Germany. Had we assumed the moral leadership that events had invested in us, we could have prevented all this. But we lost that leadership and the Pan-American League will probably be as futile as the Kellogg-Brian treaty. The growth of the crazy conditions existing in the world today, is beyond our power to remedy now.

Isolation and pacificism will prove to be both futile and foolish as we shall note presently, pacifism is especially so. It is as futile and foolish as kindness to animals would be in a forest infested with hungry wolves. Any reasonable consideration of all factors in the problems justify Oliver Wendell Holmes in his exclamation, "Land of our fathers, in our hour of need,

God help thee, with the passive creed."

The outcome of this impending struggle no one can predict from any human point of view. Some say it will be the destruction of Christian civilization, others say it will destroy Christianity itself and on the basis of our self-analysis we have little ground for expecting the blessing of God. Our only hope lies in the analogy of the promise of God to spare Sodom, if ten righteous men were found therein.

## Light From God's Word

But God has not left us entirely in the dark in this crisis of the world's history. Had Christ's people studied his chart of the ages, the book of Revelation, as they should have done, instead of assuming it to be incomprehensible, they would have been better prepared to meet the present world emergency. Orienting ourselves with that chart will reveal that we are in the midst of these events symbolically predicted in Revelation 16:17-21 which is explained more in detail in chapters 17 and 18.

This judgment we note was poured out into the air. The mighty earthquake is symbolical of tremendous social upheavals in many nations. The best comment I have found on this, was contained in a recent front page article in the United States News Weekly which bore the title, "Armed conflict over two thirds of the world since the signing of the Armistice." One significant fact set forth was that these wars grew out of this conflict of ideologies. This great social cataclysm is the first item in the last judgment of God upon the "Beast" of secularism.

Three more follow: the fall of the cities of the nations, the division of Rome into three parts and the mighty hailstorm which may well be a warning of a mighty aerial warfare, all of which would leave men still blaspheming God because of these afflictions, yet not repenting. Looking a little farther forward into the future, the next two chapters predict symbolically the events attendant upon the final destruction of the city of Rome.

In the midst of this dark picture there is one startling ray of light in Rev. 18:1-2. It is the coming down from heaven of a mighty angel hav-



## THE GERMAN REICH AND AMERICANS OF GERMAN ORIGIN

ing great authority until the whole earth is filled with His glory. That may very well forecast the next great revival of Christianity which should come in the midst of these troublous times, namely a strong assertion of the authority of Christ over every sphere of life, which should change the whole condition of the world and for which the judgments of God have prepared the way by the destruction of this great secularism. The vision of the triumphant multitude in Chapter 17 would furnish the sequel to this movement. This would indicate that the one thing that should persist, would be a society organized about the idea of the supreme authority of Christ. This is the ground of the Christian's social hope today.

## Duties of Christian Nations

These visions point unmistakably to an agenda of six items for Christian nations:

1. Get back to God, individually and nationally.

"Unless the Lord build the house,

They labor in vain who build it."

That means from a Christian point of view, set our own house in order.

2. Arm ourselves for our own defense, realizing that God has no hands to defend us but our hands. Pacifism has no place among secular nations.

3. Develop a "League of Christian nations" pledged among themselves to settle all misunderstandings between themselves by peaceable and lawful means and to stand together in defense of Christian civilization, irrespective of territorial location.

4. Be the "Good Samaritan" among all nations suffering the casualties of this last judgment of God.

5. As far as in these Christian nations lies, keep the peace, but if attacked by predatory, anti-Christian nations, follow former President Wilson's rule, "if they must have force, give them force to the limit."

6. Then wait for God to reveal himself assured of two facts:—

The first is,

"The mills of the gods grind slowly,  
But they grind exceeding small."

The second is Lowell's vision,  
"Right forever on the scaffold,  
Wrong forever on the throne,  
Yet that scaffold sways the future  
And behind the dim unknown  
Standeth God among the shadows,  
Keeping watch above His own."

A book with the above title has just come to our desk for review. Its sponsors are fourteen prominent Americans among whom are Henry L. Stimson, Samuel Seabury, Nicholas Murray Butler, and George Wharton Pepper.

Aside from a brief Foreword and note, the book consists entirely of quotations from authoritative German documents and portrays not only how Germany is governed within her own territory but what the Hitler regime is doing to extend the influence and power of Germany throughout the world, including the United States.

The first section of the book contains documents and decrees which demonstrate that no law exists in Germany aside from the word of Adolph Hitler, as head of the German government and leader of the Nationalist Social Party. We quote. In a speech before the Reichstag, July 13, 1934, Adolph Hitler said:

"If anyone faces me with the reproach that we should have used the regular courts for trial, I can only answer; in that hour I was responsible for the fate of the German nation and therefore I myself was the German people's Supreme Tribunal."

The following is the law against the formation of parties, July 14, 1933:

"The only political party in Germany is to be the National Socialist German Workers' Party.

Whoever undertakes to organize or maintain another political party, or build a new party, will, unless the offense is punishable with a higher penalty under other laws, be liable to three years in the work-house or from six months to three years imprisonment."

The second section exposes the purposes of the Hitler regime outside Germany. Within Germany live 67,000,000 Germans; 33,000,000 of German blood and nationality live in countries outside Germany, 15,000,000 of these in the western hemisphere, and 8,000,000 in the United States. Under the impetus of their racial theory the German government has set out to bring these 33,000,000 Germans into the ranks of the National Socialist Party, imbue them with Hitler's ideologies, and bind them to the German Reich with a loyalty that transcends the bands that bind them to the countries in which they live. For this

purpose under the Fuehrer's decree the Foreign Organization of the National Socialist Party has been formed and has its representatives organizing Nazi groups in sixty countries. Of late its propaganda has been intensified in South America and in the United States.

We have space for only two of the many quotations from this section of the book:

"The German Reich as a state must embrace all Germans—for the purpose of raising the German nation gradually and safely to a dominating position."—Hitler.

"A state which like our National Socialist Reich has been built upon the strong principle of blood and race must gather into itself the people of its own blood. Today we can state with pride and joy that our party comrades have conquered foreign Germandom for the Reich."—Bohle, Leader of the Foreign Organization.

But what of the German Reich's designs upon the United States? From the third section of the book we quote the following from the Stuttgarter NS Kurier, Stuttgart, August 12, 1937, which we command especially to the consideration of American isolatists:

"We want to bring the Germans in the United States, who in part have become alienated from the German fatherland and from the German nation, back to the great community of blood and fate of all Germans. To this end the spiritual regeneration of the Germans after the model of the homeland is necessary.

When we will have attained this goal, we will organize the Germans in order to give them, after the completion of their spiritual regeneration, economic reinforcement and political schooling.

*German-Americans, thus prepared, economically rejuvenated and politically active, shall then be used under our leadership in the coming struggle with Communism and Jewry in the reconstruction of America."*

If the facts contained in this book were known to Americans generally it would contribute greatly to the solidifying of a public sentiment on behalf of the United States taking a strong stand for liberty and justice throughout the world. The book is published by the Oxford University Press, New York, and sells for \$1.50.



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gress of March 3, 1879.FEDERAL AID FOR STATE  
EDUCATION

The Harrison-Fletcher-Larrabee Bill before Congress provides for grants by the federal government to the states—\$40,000,000 in 1939-40, increasing annually to \$140,000,000 in 1944-45—to be used in lessening the inequalities of educational opportunities throughout the nation. The grants would be apportioned to the states on the basis of financial need as measured by the number of children five to nineteen years and ability to support schools, and would be used among other things for teacher training, school buildings, adult education, library services for rural inhabitants, and state departments of education.

The general purposes of this bill are good. However, in the form in which it was before the last Congress it contained some very objectionable features. One of these, centralizing authority in education in Washington, has been removed. Another, which has not been safeguarded against in the present bill, is that it would permit funds from this grant to be used for the support of private and parochial schools. While favoring the passage of the bill, the National Education Association objected to its above named provisions. The bill should be amended to make it clear that all public grants are for *public* schools, and all funds expended under this act should be expended only through public agencies and under public control. Of late much pressure has been brought to bear to secure public funds for the aid of parochial schools. Already in some states they have succeeded in having appropriations made from *public funds* to provide textbooks and transportation of students to and from private and parochial schools.

An important American principle

is involved which we should be on our guard to maintain. Let everyone who believes in maintaining it write their representative at Washington asking that this bill be amended to cover this point and then passed.

DAILY PRAYERS IN THE  
SENATE

Every calendar day the House of Representatives of the United States Congress convenes, the session is opened with prayer. Until very recently, prayer has been offered in the Senate only at the opening of a session following an adjournment. Frequently the Senate recesses from day to day for a period covering weeks, during which no prayer was offered, as this long period, under Senate rules, constituted a single legislative day.

Last fall when Senator James A. Davis of Pennsylvania was campaigning for reelection some of his constituents suggested to him that prayer should be offered in the Senate every calendar day it was in session. Senator Davis took the matter up with Senator Neely of West Virginia, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, who introduced a resolution that hereafter every day's proceedings in this body begin with prayer. The resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote. On the day it became effective, February 21st, Senator Neely made a very appropriate address in which he expressed his own and Senator Davis' conviction "that one of the crying needs of this weary, war-torn world is the regeneration that can be achieved only by worship of the Supreme Being, and requested the members of the Senate to 'seriously strive to enter into the spirit of this daily worship.'"

SHALL THE UNITED STATES  
RECOGNIZE THE VATICAN  
STATE?

The Roman Catholic Church claims for its Sovereign Pontiff as the representative of Christ on earth, not only spiritual but also temporal power. In 1870 Italy dispossessed the Pope of his temporal domain in Rome. From that year until 1929 the Pope was without a temporal dominion and in protest remained a voluntary prisoner in the Vatican.

In the latter year Mussolini concluded a treaty with the Pope by which his temporal domain at Rome was restored, and Italy recognized the Supreme Pontiff of the Holy See.

The Vatican State is the newest and smallest state in the world, with an area of 108 square miles and a resident population of 1,025. Nevertheless it is a symbol of that universal political authority claimed for the head of the Roman Catholic Church.

To date it has received recognition as a sovereign political state from 37 countries which have sent their diplomatic representatives to the Holy See. It, of course, would like recognition from the United States, and there is a disposition by Washington authorities and evidently a movement under way to give it recognition. A bill was enacted by the last Congress providing for authentication of documents of record by the consular officers of the United States, resident in the city of Rome, "*until the United States shall have a consular officer resident in the State of the Vatican city.*" The implication of this wording is that the time is approaching when the United States will officially recognize the Vatican State and send a diplomatic representative to the Vatican City.

It is, of course, any government's privilege to grant it this recognition if it desires to do so, but we are strongly opposed to any such recognition by the United States. The separation of church and state is a fundamental American doctrine. We believe in the state's having its own religion but we do not believe that it is religiously or otherwise under the dominance of the church. The Roman Catholic Church believes in the union of church and state with the pope as the head of the church dominating the state. Our recognition of the Vatican State would be contrary to the spirit of our constitution and institutions and destructive of our civil and religious liberties. We, therefore, ask readers of The Christian Statesman to communicate with their representatives in Congress and with the President urging them to defeat every effort to have the United States recognize the Vatican State.

## AN UNANSWERED LETTER

Following is the substance of a letter sent January 3rd to Mr. Harry M. Warner, President, Warner Brothers, 321 West 44th Street, New York City. A letter of like character was also sent to Mr. Will H. Hays, President, Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, 28 W. 44th Street, New York City. A very weak reply was received from Mr. Hays' office. No reply from Mr. Warner.



My dear Mr. Warner:

In Pennsylvania we have a law which prohibits Sunday movies except in municipalities where the electors by majority vote have voted for them, in which case they are illegal from mid-night Saturday night until two o'clock Sabbath afternoon and legal after 2 P.M.

Most of the Pittsburgh theaters advertised after midnight shows on New Year's Eve, that is, shows beginning at midnight on Saturday night and continuing through the early hours of Sabbath morning.

We called the attention of the Mayor and Director of Public Safety of the city to the above advertisements and a storm of protests against this proposed violation of the law reached the Mayor's desk. An order signed by the Superintendent of Police went out to the theaters notifying them to close at midnight. Notwithstanding most of them went ahead with their after midnight shows in violation of the law.

I called Warner theater headquarters in the city about this matter, and was told that they expected to go ahead with their after midnight shows which they did.

Your company has quite a number of theaters in Pittsburgh, and about 135 in Pennsylvania. My information leads me to believe that Warner Theaters have been the most lawless of the theaters in the state in violating the law against Sunday movies. When our law forbade the operation of Sunday movies at any hours throughout the state, many of your theaters put on Sunday shows. I have an article from Motion Picture Herald entitled "What to Do About Sunday Shows," written by Joe Feldman, Advertising Director, Warner Theaters, Pittsburgh Division, in which he not only admitted Warner Brothers were operating theaters in violation of the Sunday law of Pennsylvania but explained the very clever methods they had made use of to accomplish this purpose. I was amazed at his frankness in acknowledging and advocating the violation of law.

Warner Theaters were leaders in the movement which resulted in 1935 in amending the Sabbath law of Pennsylvania giving local option to communities on Sunday movies. Now it appears you are not willing to obey even this law. I am informed your theaters in Pittsburgh led this recent movement to violate the law. Your theaters in the nearby towns of Ambridge and New Kensington have been violating the Sunday law, and their operators have been ar-

## Pennsylvania Federated Legislative Committee Requests Changes in Liquor Laws of State

The above committee through its representatives presented to Governor James and to the Legislature of Pennsylvania the following recommendations regarding changes in the liquor laws of the state:

1. That all liquor legislation be combined in ONE code.
2. The elimination of roadhouse licenses.
3. That the election code be amended to provide for the conducting of local option elections.
4. That municipalities, townships, residence districts and counties be allowed to vote on the liquor question.
5. That these local option elections be held on regular election days, rather than on the one municipal primary election day in September.
6. That the Board of Liquor Control and the Legislature take definite steps to eliminate the club evil, including the one-man club and better regulation of the authorized clubs.
7. That when a community votes out liquor the Board should cease to operate its state stores in that community at the end of the license year.
8. That the Board of Liquor Control have no power or authority to grant wholesale distributors

licenses in a community that has voted out beer.

9. We favor legislation limiting and prohibiting as far as possible advertisements under the Interstate Commerce law, in newspapers, magazines and on radios within the state.
10. We recommend a revision of the Liquor Code to make mandatory upon the Liquor Control Board a restricted area around all churches, hospitals, public, parochial and private schools, playgrounds, Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C. Associations, and that the distance be increased to 500 feet.

There are many evidences that Governor James, the new administration and many members of the Legislature are in favor of a decided tightening up of the present liquor laws of the state. The above recommendations represent the judgment of the representatives of the fourteen state organizations in the Federated Legislative Committee as to the improvement which the present Legislature can reasonably be expected to make in the liquor laws of the state. No doubt if the Christian and moral forces of the state petition their public officials for these changes in the law most of them, if not all of them, will be made. Let every reader of "The Christian Statesman" do so.

rested, convicted, and paid the fine of \$50.00 and costs.

Is this good citizenship? Do Warner brothers by their example mean to encourage law breaking?

You three brothers are members of the race to which belong probably 90% of those in the ownership and control of the motion picture industry. Your people, the Jews, are suffering inhuman persecutions in other parts of the world. We are all horror stricken with the brutality of Hitler's blood purge of the Jews in Germany. The leaders of your race are appealing to the American people for sympathy and help and Christian America is responding in the way Americans always respond to appeals based on justice and humanity.

In this situation, in all fairness, is it right for you and other outstanding leaders of the Jewish race, men of wealth and power in control of the motion picture industry to disregard the laws of the country which

protects you in the full enjoyment of rights and liberties denied to your people in other lands? Are you not under obligation to respect the institutions of the country to which you are profoundly indebted for the liberties you enjoy? One of these institutions is the Christian Sabbath, and I stand ready to show that the respect of the American people for this institution, the use they have made of this day for the worship of God and instruction in the truths of the Bible, has contributed profoundly to that civil and religious liberty which Americans, Christians and Jews alike, today enjoy.

In view of the fact that a very large proportion of those directing the motion picture industry are members of the Jewish race, I appeal to you and your fellow Jews in the industry to respect the American institutions to which we are all indebted for our liberties.

Sincerely yours,  
R. H. Martin, President.



# Program of the National Reform Association for 1939

(Adopted by the Board of Directors of The National Reform Association, January, 1939.)

The goal of all the efforts of The National Reform Association is the Christianizing of national and governmental life. Its chief task is the promulgating and applying of that large portion of the Word of God, which is God's message to nations, their citizens and public officials, to the end that a public sentiment may be developed that will result in bringing the nation and its government, not only in its laws but also in its actual life, into harmony with the will of God.

Our chief task is educational in creating and developing a public sentiment that will bring our citizens and rulers into line with Christian ideals and standards of national and governmental life. It is only when this is done that laws, constitutional and statutory, in harmony with Christian ideals of government, can be made effective in directing the life of the nation in harmony with the will of God.

The work of The National Reform Association is directed along two Biblical and practical lines:

A. Efforts to mold public sentiment on present-day moral problems confronting the nation in accordance with Christian standards, and to crystallize this sentiment in appropriate legislation thus making it effective in the solution of these problems.

B. Efforts to create and develop a public sentiment regarding the nation's proper relation to God. Bringing public sentiment into line with the Christian attitude of the nation toward God, and crystallizing this sentiment in an appropriate recognition of this relation in the fundamental law of our land.

## A. Our Program Dealing with Present Day Moral Problems Confronting the Nation.

### I. The Modern Temperance Situation

The liquor traffic is profoundly affecting our national and governmental life, leading us away from Christian standards of living. Now that the tide of public sentiment is turning against this traffic, the time is opportune for effective work in up-rooting it. Our program includes:

1. Messages from pulpit and platform to reach the Christian conscience of America on this issue.
2. Teaching the scientific truth that alcohol is a poison and an habit-forming drug. Providing materials and speakers on this subject for our Public Schools.
3. Publication and distribution of literature showing specifically the financial loss and injury sustained by communities and counties from the liquor traffic, on the theory that public sentiment is influenced more by what the liquor traffic is doing to one's community than by what it is doing to the country. Our county leaflets on this subject published for the past two years have been very effective.
4. Active participation in the nation-wide effort to stop liquor advertising, sponsored by the National Temperance and Prohibition Council, of which our Association is one of the 25 members.

The president of our Association is the chairman of the Council's committee to carry forward this Crusade throughout the nation.

5. Giving assistance to local communities in the Pittsburgh area in local option elections. Under the present Pennsylvania Law this issue can be voted on in the Primary Election, September, 1939.
6. Efforts, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Federated Legislative Committee, to secure an improvement in the liquor laws of the state.

### II. The Christian Sabbath

The wide-spread and increasing desecration of the Christian Sabbath has become a powerful factor in breaking down Christian ideals and standards in our national and governmental life. Reclaiming the day from commercial and secular pursuits and its employment in worship, religious education, contemplation of the spiritual, and Christian service is vitally related to the Christianizing of both individual and national life.

*The fundamental need is education.* The illiteracy of the people, especially of young people on this subject, is appalling. For many years the church has given this subject almost no place in her educational program. Eight of the International Sabbath School Lessons in the years 1939 and 1940 are devoted to the study of the liquor problem, none to the study of the Sabbath.

Sabbath laws to protect the people in their right to use the day according to the Divine appointment are of value but the deeper need is the rebuilding of true ideals and standards of Sabbath-keeping in the minds and hearts of the people. This need can be met only as the leaders of the church give the Sabbath a place of major importance in her educational program. Our program includes:

1. Reaching the people, especially religious leaders, with challenging messages on this subject. These messages to stress the necessity of denominational and other religious leaders giving the Sabbath its rightful place in their educational programs—in their church assemblies and conferences; in the pulpits, Sabbath schools, missionary and young people's societies of their local churches; in leadership training classes; in state, county and district Sabbath school conventions.
2. Providing for use in this study our two books on the Sabbath, *"The Day"* and *"Six Studies on the Day,"* and placing them in the hands of religious leaders. These books are highly recommended by many outstanding religious leaders. They have already been used by many thousands in the study of this subject.
3. The publication of leaflets on the Sabbath; of folder with our Sabbath program and information regarding our books on this subject.
4. A Sabbath educational program to cover in particular the State of Pennsylvania but not to be confined to this state, this program to have as



its goal: (a) placing copy of "The Day" in the hands of the pastors of Pennsylvania and supplying copies of "Six Studies on the Day" to leadership training classes, Bible classes and other groups for use in the study of this subject and (b) carrying forward an educational program to have pastors preach on this subject and religious groups study it.

5. Cooperation with other organizations in Pennsylvania in carrying forward this educational program, and in efforts to strengthen the Sabbath law of the state.

### III. County Programs

County programs on behalf of Temperance and the Lord's Day along lines indicated above, which have been carried on this past year in a number of counties, will be continued in these counties and inaugurated in a number of other counties.

### IV. The Bible in the Public Schools

The daily reading of the Bible and the teaching of its morals in our public schools would contribute greatly toward the Christianizing of our national life. A secular public education would be an insuperable obstacle in attaining this much desired goal.

We face the worst crime situation in our history. Much of this crime is committed by our youth—by young people who have grown up without moral or religious training. The church today is able to reach less than half the nation's youth with religious instruction. The only place they can be reached with this training is in our public schools. For its own sake and its fairness to its youth, the state should provide adequate moral training for them in its own schools. This it cannot do without the use of the Bible, the world's best textbook on morals, the book which Andrew Jackson declared to be "*the Rock on which our Republic rests.*"

Formerly this work had a prominent place in our Association's program, but on account of the depression it was discontinued. The time has come when work in this field should be resumed. Our program this year while quite limited includes:

1. Publication and distribution of literature showing the necessity, value, and method of the use of the Bible in the public schools, and the extent to which it is now being used.
2. Addresses on this subject. Requesting pastors to preach on this subject at the opening of the schools in the fall.
3. Efforts to prevent the use of public funds for the support of private, sectarian schools.
4. Cooperation with other organizations in this work on behalf of moral training with religious sanctions in our public education.

### B. Our Program for Recognition of God in Our National Life.

Certainly the breakdown in morals in our national life, in the life of other nations, and in international relationships calls loudly for proclaiming and apply-

ing the message of God's Word, that nations are God's moral creatures, governed by the same moral laws that govern individuals, and that the only way for the sin-burdened nations of today to escape impending ruin and be saved, is by "repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ"—the Christ who is Savior and Lord of nations as truly as of individuals. This is the only way of national salvation. All other ways have been tried and failed. To meet the world's supreme need this message must be given. Our Association gives it.

### I. The Peril of Communism and Fascism

The world is faced today with the twin peril of Communism and Fascism. Nor is our country free from this peril. The best defense against this peril which threatens our Christianity and our democratic government and way of life is by taking Christianity into our national life and making its principles of righteousness and brotherhood regnant there. By our literature and messages we undertake to do this.

### II. America and the World Situation

With the increasing power of the totalitarian states, with their unrighteous and inhuman wars of aggression and the threat of greater wars, America can not follow a policy of isolation or remain neutral and meet her duty to the world. America with her strength, her devotion to liberty and democracy must stand for justice and brotherhood among the nations of the earth. The message of The National Reform Association is that America should play the part of a truly Christian nation, exerting her utmost strength for righteousness and peace in the world.

### This Is Our Enlarged Program

At its January meeting the Board of Directors decided the time had come to enlarge the Association's work beyond that of the depression years and, by unanimous action, adopted the above program. It was agreed that an addition to our staff of workers is greatly needed and will be necessary to carry out the program fully.

### \$25,000 Needed

To carry out this program in full will require a sum estimated at \$25,000. Some items in the program cannot be completed within the year. The extent to which the program can be carried out this year will depend upon the amount contributed for its support.

The National Reform Association is supported entirely by the voluntary contributions of individuals, congregations, Bible classes, and other groups who believe in its work. All friends of Christian government, all who love their country and the Kingdom of God are invited to have a part in carrying forward this work. One dollar will secure for you The Christian Statesman and five dollars make you a member of the Association for one year, and \$100.00 a life member. Send your contribution to The National Reform Association, address below.



# Program To Save The Sabbath To Pennsylvania

The Sabbath is not the River. It is only the Channel of the River. But there can be no river without a channel. Neither can there be spiritual life, the church, liberty, democracy or Christianity without the Christian Sabbath.

## The Clogged Channel

This Channel of the River, once open and free of obstructions in America, has become so clogged up with secular business and labor, with secular and commercial recreations and amusements, that the flow of the life-giving water is greatly hindered. As a result, the church is tremendously handicapped in her efforts to minister to the spiritual needs of the people, and America is suffering from an increasing secularization and paganizing of her life, from a breakdown in the moral standards and life of her people, and from a menacing increase in lawlessness and crime.

## The Sabbath Assaulted

Today, the Christian Sabbath is more viciously attacked than any other institution of our American life. For a quarter of a century anti-Christian forces and cold-blooded commercial interests have been assiduously at work to change the entire character of the day—to turn our holy day, devoted to rest, worship, religious instruction, contemplation of the spiritual and Christian work, into a holiday, devoted to the pursuit of material pleasures and money making.

## "We Have Allowed It"

What have we as Christian leaders been doing, what has the church been doing to meet this attack? Let Roger W. Babson, outstanding business and religious leader, answer:

"I grow sick at heart when I realize how we have allowed Sunday to be stolen from us, and profaned and outraged by a lot of piratical money changers who would make the money changers in Jesus' story look like a crowd of public benefactors."

By our not challenging the enemy, by our preoccupation with other things, and by our failure to teach the sacred character and proper uses of the Sabbath until today many church members are numbered among the open desecrators of the day, we "have allowed" what we could have prevented.

## The Compulsion of a Great Need

This robbery of the Sabbath must cease. This profaning of the Lord's Day must end. The Channel of the River must be cleared of obstructions. The Sabbath must be recovered, that once more the life-giving water of the River may cleanse, uplift, and enrich the life of America.

The leaders of the Christian church, the Christian patriots of America must meet this Sabbath issue.

## The Chief Task is Education

The broken down ideals and standards of Sabbath-keeping and a new appreciation of the values of the day must be rebuilt in the minds and hearts of the people. Other things must be done. The attacks of godless, commercial interests must be met. Our civil Sabbath laws, which protect the people in their right to the Sabbath as a day for rest and worship, must be defended. But the basic task for the defense of the Sabbath on all fronts is educational.

This task can be met only as Christian leaders give the Sabbath a place of major importance in the educational program of the church.

## Program for Recovery of the Christian Sabbath in Pennsylvania

The National Reform Association has been in the forefront of the battle in defense of the Lord's Day in America for three-quarters of a century. With much study and long experience it has worked out a definite, practical program for the reclaiming and right use of the Sabbath which has been widely approved and carried out successfully in a number of instances and places. The program for Pennsylvania (it is as well adapted to meet the situation in other states and will be carried forward beyond Pennsylvania as we are able) is as follows:—

### A. GIVING CHALLENGING MESSAGES

Reaching church people, especially Christian leaders with challenging messages on this subject, to lead them

1. To rethink and revalue the Christian Sabbath.
2. To give the Sabbath its rightful place in the educational program of their church or other religious organizations—in their pulpits, Bible classes, young people's society, missionary society, church assemblies and conferences, leadership training classes, district, county and state Sabbath school conventions.

### B. PROVIDING NEEDED LITERATURE

To carry forward an educational program of this character, suitable literature is essential. There has been a great dearth of literature of this character. To meet this need The National Reform Association has provided up-to-date literature for use in an educational program for Sabbath recovery.

1. "THE DAY" for use of preachers and other religious leaders in a comprehensive study of this subject.
2. "SIX STUDIES ON THE DAY" for textbook use in a short study of this subject in Bible classes, young people's societies and other groups. For further description and commendation of these books see other side of this folder.
3. "THE MOVIE BARONS AND SUNDAY MOVIES," a booklet; and leaflets.

## The Goal Set Before Us

In this Pennsylvania program the goal we will strive to reach includes:—

Placing copy of "The Day" in the hands of the 10,000 pastors of the state.

Placing many more copies of "Six Studies on the Day" in the hands of members of Bible classes, and other groups throughout the state.

Getting pastors to preach on the subject at least once or twice a year.

Having the Sabbath introduced as a course of study in Bible classes, young people's and missionary societies, leadership training classes and other groups, throughout the state.

## Endorsement and Cooperation

This educational program has been widely endorsed and the above books widely recommended for use in carrying it forward. The Pennsylvania Federated Legislative Committee, composed of official representatives of 14 state organizations, voted its approval of this Pennsylvania program, recommended the use of these books and pledged its cooperation in carrying forward the program.

The Presbytery of Pittsburgh of the Presbyterian Church adopted a similar program for its own congregations and recommended the reading and study of these books.

The Board of Administration of the United Presbyterian Church promoted a program of like character in the congregations, missionary and young people's societies of this church throughout the country, in connection with which some five thousand copies of these books were used.

In a number of Pennsylvania counties the above program is now being carried forward.

## A Challenge to Pennsylvanians

In no part of America has the assault upon the Lord's Day been more vigorously pressed in the last ten years than in Pennsylvania. Anti-Christian and commercial interests, chiefly the Sunday amusement and sport interests, have made deep inroads upon the day, breaking down our Sabbath law and clogging up the channel of the River.

The situation challenges the Christian leaders and patriots of the Keystone State to clear the channel, to recover the Sabbath for the uses for which God gave it, and make the first day of the week in Pennsylvania in very truth the Lord's Day.

Many, we believe, are ready to accept the challenge. We call upon all such—individuals and groups—to help in carrying forward this program to save the Sabbath to Pennsylvania.

To secure literature, speakers for addresses, information on how to set up church, community, or county Sabbath programs, for help in local option contests on Sunday movies, and for further information regarding this Sabbath program, communicate with

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